GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4508
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EXPANSION OF TIGER RESERVE IN MAHARASHTRA
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to expand Tiger Reserve in Melghat forest area in Maharashtra ;

(a) if so, the criteria laid down for development and rehabilitation of villagers affected by the said scheme; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) : A proposal was mooted by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra to enlarge the area of Melghat Tiger Reserve by including following additional areas

Narnala Sanctuary	12.35 sq.km.
Ambabarwa Sanctuary	124.73 sq.km.
Wan Sanctuary	205.86 sq.km.

However the State Government has not approved the proposal as yet.

(b) & (c): Do not arrise.